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EXERCISE SHANTI DOOT-4 BEGINS IN BANGLADESH

DHAKA, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 – Bangladesh, the United States, and several other nations from around the world today announced their participation in the Shanti Doot 4 exercise to be held at the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT), Rajendrapur Cantonment Bangladesh, February 26 – March 12, 2018.

This multinational exercise is the latest in a continuing series of exercises in the Indo-Pacific region designed to promote regional peace and security and enhance the peacekeeping capabilities and capacity of nations participating in the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI). The GPOI Program expands global peacekeeping capability and capacity to meet increased peace support operations requirements through a long-term commitment to assist partner nations with training, facilities and equipment in establishing an increased level of indigenous training capacity.

Approximately 50 U.S. and 500 Bangladesh Army personnel are expected to participate during the exercise, along with 500 personnel from more than 30 nations. The training conducted during the exercise will consist of a computer-assisted, staff training exercise; field training events; and U.S. – Bangladesh bilateral U.N. Critical Enabler Capabilities Enhancement (2CE) courses. The exercise will incorporate Bangladesh Armed Forces officers and officers from Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines and South Korea who will refine staff skills required by military officers who operate in UN headquarters as part of peacekeeping missions around the world. The training will be facilitated by an international cadre of instructors with extensive peacekeeping and peacekeeping-training experience.

“2018 marks the 30th anniversary of Bangladesh’s support to peacekeeping operations. So Shanti Doot 4 is a fitting way to mark such a momentous anniversary, as it will enable partner nations from around the world to learn from one another’s experiences and deploy globally in support of vital peacekeeping missions” said Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., U.S. Pacific Command commander, during the BIPSOT dedication last year. “This kind of multinational training can deepen a mutual understanding and respect, and encourage further collaboration when we do it right and when we’re committed to this mission”.

For more information about this year’s exercise, please visit the official GPOI Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalPeaceOperationsInitiative>.

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